

## **TOWN OF ACTON**

# **Inter-Departmental Communication**

DATE: February 4, 1985

FROM: Stewart Kennedy, Cemetery Superintendent

TO: Bernard J. Murphy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: ABYS Soccer and parking - Cemetery Field - Concord Rd.

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Present at the Commissioners' meeting of January 31, 1985, were Pamela Reasor, Selectman, and Thomas Haggerty, Recreation Commission. Discussion included use of the Cemetery Field for soccer practice and games and for parking on one end of the field.

The Commissioners pointed out that we are about to begin construction of a two-faced, loose-laid fieldstone wall which is a continuation of the present wall. This new portion of the wall will be set back from the road another five feet, and will be rough graded to allow for parking off the road. The wall, 30" wide and 3' high (similar to the wall in front of the Beacon Publishing Co.), will extend to the Robbins Monument, leaving no opening for parking on the field. The Commissioners further noted that it is only .2 mile from the parking area at the ice house pond to the field.

Construction of the wall is the first step in the development of the field for Cemetery use. The Commissioners are aware of the need for more time to locate additional playing fields and have granted the Recreation Commission use of this field through the 1986 season with the possibility of an additional year's extension. This use of the field was granted with the condition that if there is any damage to the wall due to use of the field by youth soccer, all games and practice would immediately cease. This was agreed to by both Ms. Resor and Mr. Haggerty. At the termination of the agreement, the rough-graded area will be fine-graded and seeded and there will be no further off-road parking there.

The Superintendent and Commissioners express concern as to the Town's liability during construction of the wall, when the supply of stones will be an "attractive nuisance" to the young players and observers. Mr. Haggerty felt it should be the responsibility of ABYS to enforce the "off limits" restriction imposed by the Commissioners.

cc: Board of Selectmen  
Recreation Commission